

wherein, in response to said defined first time units and defined second time units, the computer automatically:

- creates a progress plan for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units, wherein for each training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee is to have completed the corresponding training unit; and
- monitors as to whether the corresponding training unit has been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

2. (Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 1, wherein the computer automatically notifies the trainee when the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

3. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 1, wherein the computer automatically stores a monitoring result.

4. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 1, wherein the computer automatically recreates the progress plan when the training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

5. (Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 4, wherein the computer automatically terminates the

training course when, more than once, the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

6. (Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 5, wherein the computer automatically notifies the trainee of the termination of the training course.

7. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 1, wherein the computer automatically sends the progress plan to the trainee after its creation.

14. (Thrice Amended) A program product for enabling a computer to perform the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course comprising: a computer readable medium, and instructions on said computer readable medium for executing the following steps:

- defining first time units that represent time periods which a trainee specifies to spend on a training course;
- defining second time units that represent time periods required to execute training units of the training course;

wherein, in response to said defined first time units and defined second time units, the computer automatically:

- creates a progress plan for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units, wherein for each training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee is to have completed the corresponding training unit; and
- monitors as to whether the corresponding training unit has been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.